

Daily Eagle

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McKinley is again a private citizen, but he does not expect to be confined long.

The gas well drillers still continue to find a large quantity of a superior quality of nothing.

The time for nominating conventions and the glorification of "The Man Who" is approaching.

So far in this war the manufacturers of ink have been more benefited than the Krupps or the Camps.

If there is no other way to squelch the Sultan, Editor Pulitzer might go over and buy in the whole empire.

"Czar" Reed is not half so picturesque as he would be with more Nihilists in the House of Representatives.

George Mold may reach the other side of the world just in time to be the first man to holler up home through our coal hole.

The English regard Americans as crude in everything except war. For that reason England will not fight unless she has to.

Miss Barton might hand that million to the Wichita George Mold. He would distribute it in Armenia as he passed through.

The grave of John Brown has been purchased by the state of New York but his soul goes marching on to the other side of eternity.

The Kansas legislature did not meet. When the time comes for a nominating convention will the fight on Morrill turn up the same way?

Perhaps the Sultan is entirely wrong and his assumption that he is monarch of his own empire is a wicked bluff. But it doesn't look so now.

The utter indifference of the most of the people of the state to the Leland-Johnson feud, should be taken as indicative of something by the politicians.

The timidity of the Johnson boom would indicate that it has knowledge that the Cy Leland forces have planted torpedoes in the harbor of Topeka.

Ingalls in an interview remarks in reference to the Kansas situation: "Let us have peace." "Us" embraces Leavenworth and Atchison and Kansas City.

It is now said that the Americans in South Africa are responsible for Jameson's failure. We thought all along there must be something of that kind in the trouble.

Dick Blue last week made the first long speech by a Kansas in the present congress. As none of the gallery supports gave away, the country should be congratulated.

In the history of this country New England has had only three presidents. The precedents are not good for Reed, but Reed was always a trifle hard on precedents.

It is now said that the A. P. A. of Atchison is against Governor Morrill. Anything that is for Morrill will confer a great favor on him by communicating with him at once.

The first delegates to the national Republican convention are instructed for Reed. The Reed men however should be calm and remember that this does not nominate him.

There certainly would be trouble, as the Turkish legation suggests, if Mohammedan missionaries should visit America and agitate against a Republican form of government.

A caucus favorable to Lewelling met at Kansas City the other day and talked of proposing his candidacy. It is only fair to Mr. Lewelling to say that Pete Kline was not present.

The sound of artillery is now heard by the Havana correspondent. Perhaps he is mistaken. Perhaps it was some one cracking nuts in the room next to the one in which he writes.

Jameson's raid into Transvaal has probably had the effect of making those Canadians who talked about sweeping into the United States, stop and take their latitude and longitude.

The newspapers were never so interesting as they are right now. Or in other words now is the time to subscribe. The subscriber who misses one issue now may miss a whole cause belli.

The London papers talk about coercing Manitoba as the United States once coerced South Carolina. The London papers know as little about Canada as they do about the United States.

If Mrs. Dimmock is dreaming about a second term for Benjamin Harrison she should set the wedding day at once. As a campaign effect a wedding must come a good ways ahead of the nomination.

Old Richard Wake the howling Topeka prohibitionist is sending a four column to the Kansas papers asking its publication. In addition to being governor, how does Mr. Wake find time to edit all the papers in the state?

The Chicago Times-Herald is fighting Mr. Tanner in Illinois because Tanner isn't a correct speller. The Times-Herald ought to come out to Kansas and get a pointer from some of the newspapers that fought Jerry Simpson that way.

A WOOLLY DEMAND.

The Topeka Capital is out with the editorial demand, or suggestion, or both, that the state take a year or two off and do nothing but enforce the prohibitory law. That paper declares that the state can well afford to do just that thing. We suppose it means that the people of the state at large could afford to abandon everything in the interest of such an extreme insane racket. Where the pay is to come from or what it would be like, is not mentioned. Dick Wake's salary would be more sure among other things, and the paper making the suggestion might in such a row reap reward by rounding up a few delinquent subscribers. Of course it is meant that the Republican administration should shoulder such a scheme, without reference to its bearings upon business, its effect upon the party, or the cost to the taxpayer. Such an idea, embodied in a sober demand, will fall of being understood, much less appreciated, by the average conservative citizen. Still it is a fair reflex of the sentiment of an element in this state which has dominated the Republican party for years, and which has, in distracting the present state administration, made it ridiculous. They would go farther in invoking the legal and the military powers of the state in the repression of a traffic, to which the whole civilized world is more or less addicted, than they would to suppress an invasion of horse thieves and murderers. In fact it is not an uncommon thing for their speakers to put the violators of the liquor law upon the same footing as horse thieves and murderers. Such expression is indeed rather a favorite one. The proprietors and editors of the Capital are, presumably, no better or more strictly temperate than the average respectable citizen, and do not appreciate more keenly the wrongs and woes which come to humanity through intemperance, than the rest of us, and may be they care less. But the successful support of any hobby, where a good principle lies at the base, calls for fanaticism in leadership. Following this demand for the abandonment of everything in the interest of an attempted strict enforcement of a summary law, which is systematically violated, an innumerable times every day in this state, comes the president of the State Temperance union with a call for a state convention at Topeka, of course, which shall number at least two thousand delegates. That the Capital's suggestion and this subsequent call means not less drinking, but more booting of the Republican party, is only too painfully evident. Many of the members of the union managed by Rev. Wake, claim to be Republicans, as does the Capital, but they evidently care very little for the party as such, only as it can be forced to follow their lead. The Republican party, embracing as it does, men of many different religious creeds, and of varying convictions touching the best temperance methods, and still many others who are totally averse to all summary legislation, the demand of the Capital and the response of the State Temperance union becomes a menace to the supremacy of the party, which party aside from the distractions arising from this law, constitutes not only an overwhelming majority of the state, but a party being sui generis, has done more and would do more for the material and political advancement of the state than will the mongrel combination which threatens to succeed it, and only threatens because of the same bone of contention ever being thrust in the midst of its counsels by the assumed leadership mentioned.

HAWAII MUST BE OURS.

Hawaii, and in fact the entire Sandwich Island group, is of most importance to the Great American Republic. They are just as intimately connected and related to our commerce as are the West India Islands. If not independent, if these islands are to belong to any power, then there is no question as to what power they should belong. It is a matter of record, known to everybody, that during Harrison's administration steps were taken, with the consent of all concerned, for the practical annexation of the Sandwich Islands by the United States. In 1875, in a commercial treaty with Hawaii, those islands were practically incorporated into the commercial system of the United States, and immediately thereafter a sufficient number of residents of this country settled there to dominate both the business and politics of the islands. The tariff was wiped out as between them and us, on a reciprocity basis. Had Harrison been reelected not only would these islands now belong to the United States but Cuba would have either been an independence or an American colony. That it would have been advantageous all around there is little doubt. That we would have been more safely fortified in the event of a foreign war, is equally true.

So the house resolution of last week seeks to take us back to just where the Harrison administration left us, touching the Hawaiian question, back to the point where both countries had declared for annexation.

But Mr. Cleveland, who undid all that the Republican administration had accomplished, still stands in the way. Hereafter in matters of international concern our administration took up the matters of international concern one administration took up the matter where the other left off. Not so with Mr. Cleveland. Cleveland is like Jackson in but one particular, he is never bound by no precedents, customs, nor even scruples. He is just stolid, dogged Grover Cleveland and can be nothing different to the end of his rule. In order to show his pugnaciousness, or rather contrary make-up he pompously commanded President Dole to restore the deposed queen of shady character and color to her former possessions, and then capped the climax by favoring

the aggressive movement of England toward Hawaii, backing up England's cable scheme which would have resulted in British sovereignty.

However, whether it comes to anything in the immediate present or not, we hope the house resolution will go through. Hawaii lies in our ocean path to the Orient, and is more contiguous to this continent than to any other. But above all it is ruled and governed by Americans, loyal Americans, who are in full sympathy with our commercial and political interests, and that is enough. The stars and stripes, old glory, should float over Hawaii.

THEY DIDN'T DARE.

The most patriotic body of men in the world is the Kansas legislature, that is, to hear them tell it. The present congressional and legislative apportionment of the state is very unequal, if not an absolute wrong and outrage. The constitution provides the way, and fixes the time for the readjustment of these apportionments. The legislature is commanded to do it every five years. The members of the legislature all took a solemn oath to obey the constitution. But Governor Morrill, who occasionally makes a great howl over the violation of official oaths in the non-enforcement of a statutory law, which he himself publicly and officially declares of impossible enforcement, sets about, with all the power at his command as chief executive, and backed by the State Temperance union a wholly irresponsible body legally, to countermand the mandates of the fundamental law of the commonwealth, and to incidentally compel the members of the legislature to neglect their duty and violate their oaths of office. So far as this political scheme carried out as to have it given out that if the legislature did meet the auditor of state would not permit the treasurer to pay the per diem of the members. The next thing doubtless, will be a concerted groan from his excellency, and Dick Wake, that the police commissioners and their star-chamber court and states attorney are violating their oaths in failing to close the Wichita joints. But had we been a member of that legislature we would have gone to Topeka, pay or no pay, and remained with a quorum long enough at least to have reapportioned the state. Pay or no pay, and the expense was the excuse of the governor for defeating the convening of the legislature—out of duty to their constituents, to say nothing of their oath or patriotism, the legislature should not have done less.

POOLED AND DELUDED.

It is wonderful how long a people can be bamboozled and misled by party politicians, rallied and massed by watchwords, the mere utterance of distinguished names in connection with principles which have long since ceased to have any significance or bearing beyond the capture of votes—the consequent ennoblement of the mercenary politician.

In evidence of the above statement it is only necessary to cite the reader to the history of the Democratic party which boastfully traces its origin to the political primacy of days of Thomas Jefferson and points with pride to Saint Jefferson as its founder. No national Democratic platform from the first to the last has failed to prescribe the stimulus of Jeffersonian theory, invehement against the appalling danger of too much government and insist—in well rounded periods—upon strict adherence to local self government, or in other words, home rule. But alas! how easy it is to make promises and how very easy it is to break them when the people have been fascinated by the fetch of a name or the nummery of incantation. After an interregnum of nearly a quarter of a century during which the Democratic party was mainly engaged in the harmless folly of formulating platforms, it again rose to the surface and took part control of the government, i.e. the presidency and the lower house of congress. The laity of the Democracy who had kept their altar fires burning through "patient watch and vigil long" in sanguine expectancy of the oft promised Jeffersonian golden age were doomed to disappointment, and Grover and his associates, plead in extenuation that they were hampered by a Republican senate that was hell-bent to block the wheels of reform. This childish plea may have satisfied the rank and file of the "great unwashed" but it did not satisfy a majority of the American people and in 1888 Grover was re-manded to a back seat. During an interval of four years, this ecclesiastical man of destiny underwent careful grooming by Wall street and for the second time assumed Napoleonic leadership of the party that was to usher in the full tide of Jeffersonian reform.

Well may the honest simple minded Democrat imbued with the spirit of the doctrine of redheaded sanguine Thomas Jefferson, exclaim "Where are we at?" for has not Grover the befowed violated and trampled under foot every tenet of the faith laid down by the author of the magna-charter of our liberties and who held the liberty of the individual citizen down and beyond the control of government. The false Messiah of the Democratic party who reached the present altitude of his ranting ambition by way of the hangman's noose is as far removed in sympathy with the wants of the people as the Tsar of Russia, he represents the moneyed class, the monopolies. The handwriting is on the wall and the sable raven of destiny is croaking with graveyard intonation "nevermore, nevermore." Respite them.

WAR OR WITHER.

The Eagle held, editorially, yesterday, to the logic and necessity of war. The vein was partly serious, a little flippant, but wholly honest. All history shows that tranquil nations with-

er away and become but an aggregation of weakness. Holland once owned half of the world, but peaceful ways and sentiments have left her nil. The belligerent Johnny Bull started with nothing but an island and that dominated by Rome, yet by his fighting comes out at the head of the heap. There is India with her millions upon millions of inhabitants, that rolled and degenerated in peace till she lost her autonomy and became a subject.

War is dreadful in some of its aspects, no doubt; but there are worse things than war. "We talk of peace and learning," says John Ruskin, "and of peace and plenty, and of peace and civilization; but I find that these are not the words which the Muse of History couples together; that on her lips the words are: Peace and sensuality, peace and selfishness, peace and corruption, peace and death." And the same great writer insists that "war is the foundation of all the high virtues and faculties of men," and that it is better to slay one's neighbor than to cheat him.

Among the possessions which England has won through her disposition to fight is Burmah, lovely, beautiful Burmah, holding to the peaceful religion of Buddha. Burmah was happy in her peaceful indolence, but she came in contact with British rule in India and as slowly but as surely as England is absorbing Africa, was lovely Burmah with her marvellous beauty of light and landscape, disintegrated and absorbed. At last, and less than ten years ago, her king, Thebaw was carried away an English captive to India. They wouldn't fight and they must wear the British yoke.

As we said their religion was at the bottom of the troubles. It counseled peace, only sweet peace. In their religion there is no God, no priesthood. They have no use for the influences or spirit which would acquire houses, lands, stocks, and bonds, no patience with the clatter and bustle of trade. Their religion teaches the doctrine of the transmigration of souls (that is, a series of existences through which the soul must pass until, purged of all impurity, it at last passes into the condition of Nirvana, where it loses itself in the ocean of everlasting rest). This condition may be attained without the round of repeated existences if in any one of them the Buddhist believes he can so live as to purify his soul by accumulated merits, and thus fit it for the blessed repose which is the final goal and end of all.

Hence the Burmah seeks to follow the teachings of the great Buddha; and thousands in their youth retire to monasteries to live the life of celibacy poverty and charity. And every Burman boy for a certain period of his life is bound to enter a monastery, where he is taught, among other things, the precepts of morality. No one, however, is admitted as a professed monk until the age of 21; and then so long as he shall remain a monk he spends his days in contemplation, devotion and teaching. But "a monk is free to leave the monastery when he feels no longer a call for religious life, or if he wish to return to the world or to marry. He is in no sense a priest; he pursues the religious life not to aid and save others, but to save himself. As an example he indirectly aids others."

This is peace, and Gene Ware was right in declaring for war. Had China been for war it would have been progressive and great. Had Japan held to her traditional peace that kingdom of flowers would sooner or later have fallen into the hands of some western monarchy, probably that of Great Britain. And so the Burmans are a pleasure loving people, and enjoyment is more to them than treasures of silver or of gold. They do not worship the Goddess of Getting On. They seek to enjoy this world while in it, and yet look forward to the rest of Nirvana as, after all, the highest good. But such a people, and with such characteristics, are not likely to maintain, or to regain when lost, the independence of their country. "Wholly tranquil nations wither entirely away."

TO GO EAST, GO WEST.

The New Year's edition of one of the Denver daily papers contained an illuminated page filled full of the improbable and impossible, among other things an electric railway running from Denver to the Alaska coast on the Bering sea, connecting with a Russian railway, and the announcement "twenty-four hours from Denver to Russia." Approves of this there is a gentleman named Dr. Hoenek, now on a visit to Seattle, and who is said to be the chief engineer of the "Irkutsk and Vladivostok Division" of the Trans Siberian Railway, has been amusing himself at the expense of the good people of that lively northwestern seaport by divulging a wonderful strategic plan that is to be carried out by Russia. The Joosse Russian has induced his hearers to believe that the great railway will have "feeders" extending into Persia, Afghanistan and Tibet, relying upon his audience's ignorance of the fact that these feeders would be obliged to traverse nearly one thousand miles of desert and climb stupendous heights of the Altai mountains. The gem of Dr. Hoenek's Munchausenades was his statement that the United States government had decided to construct a strategic railway to Alaska, and that upon its completion the Russian government would establish a line of steamers (also strategic) from Vladivostok to the Alaskan terminus of the American military road, whereupon the strategic union of the Great Republic and the Chardom would be perfected. The object of the union remains undisclosed.

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Canada, who is one half her time making faces at the United States and the other half toddling patiently at Stephen another Britain's apron-strings, has for many years known what a burden the imperial subsidies are; but she is now getting her first taste of British colonial office interference in her domestic political life. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's finger has been discovered in the present dominion cabinet crisis, with the rumored motive of putting out Premier Mackenzie Bowell and putting in Sir Charles Tupper, the high commissioner to England. Even Bowell's conspicuous imperialism is not sufficient to appease the desires of those Englishmen who are learning to widen the St. Lawrence and estrange two consually empires more and more. The Canuckans are a feebly folk, feeble because of their own internal dissensions. The Indian and French make a fair racial mixture but such a mixture won't work well with anglo-saxon dominancy, especially where so largely mixed with Irish. The hope of Canada would be in a million or two of Yankees and United States rule.

MORE THAN MIXED.

The Widow Britain's Grandson Kaiser Wilhelm, who seems to have more of the Hohenzollern in him than Guelph more Dutch than Britain, is said to be waxing grouchy. It is thought that he has determined nevermore to visit a land of his grandmother's, a queen who could find nobody good enough in Great Britain to marry, and who through her German proclivities injected a still stronger strain of foreign blood in the ruling house of England. But again another account says King Bill is in a conciliatory mood and as calm as a May morning. Then again according to one rumor he has received an expostulatory letter from Grandma Victoria; and according to another he hasn't. He has answered the queen's letter, says one; and he will never do so, says another. Anybody is free to believe whatever he may please; for, like Autolycus, the ubiquitous correspondent has something in his pack to suit every taste. The leading players in the South African drama are to be sought neither in Berlin nor in London, but in Pretoria. Upon the result of the negotiations between Sir Hercules Robinson and "Oom Paul" Kruger may depend the peace of the world. At the present time the fleets gathering in Delagoa Bay and at Portsmouth are merely properties in the show, and the sovereign and cabinet ministers of Europe are playing subsidiary parts.

The Sultan can hardly be blamed. Having bluffed the greatest powers on earth, he could hardly back down before the Red Cross society.

NOT A PARTY MEASURE.

The attitude of the Western Republican senators on the house bond bill in refusing upon a free coinage amendment furnishes abundant evidence that in the west the free silver sentiment is quite as strong among the Republicans as it is among the Democrats. As a matter of fact it is Senator Dinkins and his colleagues who are making the most determined fight against any legislation which does not contain a free coinage provision.

The truth is that it is the free silver Republicans who are now the prop of the free silver cause. With an unfriendly house and a hostile president, the free coinage of silver is of course an impossibility at present. But, as Senator Vest very truly said in his speech which has been the cause of so much criticism, the conflict is irrepressible and it will never be settled until it is settled right and the money of the masses is remonetized. It is the senate that is keeping up the struggle, and it is the Republican senators who make it possible to thwart the plans of the bond conspirators of Wall and Lombard streets. Bruce and German and the Democratic enemies of that kind are as ardent gold standard men as John Sherman ever was, and if it depended upon the Democratic party alone to maintain the cause of bimetalism it would be in sore straits indeed.

Bimetalism is as sure to win as the right always is, but it will not be a party victory, because bimetalism has not been and probably will not be a party measure.—Kansas City World.

INDIANS AND SYRIANS.

Canon J. D. Good of British Columbia, tells a San Francisco Call reporter that his long residence among the Columbian Indians warrants him in saying that the latter of Syrian origin, and are in fact Syrians now, having the customs and language. "I was astonished at the richness of the language," he said, "and its wonderful capacity for accurate expression."

"I found many pure Syrian words in use, as, for instance, Ennea and Solomon, which among proper names. The words of the language are historical and traditional, and observe the same laws as those of the Syrian language. I think the language of the Thompson River Indians is one of the Taranian tongue. There are direct Syrian words in it."

"Then there are other evidences that these Indians are the Syrian descendants. Their medicine man is the same as the Syrian seer. The burial customs are in this day the same. Besides this there is the character of the people, who are generous in thought, habits of life, and general customs."

"When I first went among the Indians they had their war chiefs as well as their civil chiefs—the same as the Greeks. All I saw in every way convinced me, and I have during the ensuing years been very fully confirmed in my conviction that these Indians are Syrians."

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The Perry Enterprise-Times will have it no other way than that the single statehood follows broke up that meeting at Oklahoma City.

The Pawnee Dispatch has a fine report of the statehood convention at Oklahoma City. The Dispatch follows are natural newspaper men.

The Elwood gang, which rolled banks with forged checks, was scarcely more successful than the Dalton gang, which went at it with cocked revolvers.

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The German at Enid have organized a league. The report does not say what is intended. If it should happen in Kansas everyone would know what it meant.

When Dennis Flynn speaks in congress this occurs in the Congressional Record: (Applause on both sides. This rarely occurs with anyone else. Dennis is a corner.

A. W. Patterson, who was sentenced to the penitentiary at Oklahoma City the other day for perjury, was at one time head farmer on one of Hume's estates in Germany.

Louis Niblack has gone to Washington to represent Oklahoma at the meeting of the Democratic national committee meeting, in place of T. M. Richardson of Oklahoma City.

At Enid, at a New Year's Eve dance, a diamond was found on the floor, and the man who found it is advertising for the owner. Paek and Jodge, who are always picturing Oklahoma ridiculously, should make a note of this item.

Miss Neel, the daughter of J. H. Neel, living near Shawnee, while laughing recently, threw her jaws out of place. It was nine miles to a doctor but a man brought her in on horseback and the jaws were put in their proper place again. The man who cracked the joke that made her laugh that hard is fully two inches taller than before.

Miss Mamie Dickson, eldest